

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; and appoints as additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 312(d) and title VI of the House bill and sections 1119, 1206, and title II of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mrs. MORELLA, and Mr. BROWN of California.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3130) to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, to amend the Immigration and National Act to make certain aliens determined to be delinquent in the payment of child support inadmissible and ineligible for naturalization, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. SHAW, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. LEVIN.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of section 401 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOODLING, Mr. FAWELL, and Mr. PAYNE.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3579) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. REGULA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. OBEY, Mr. YATES, Mr. STOKES, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SABO, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. HOYER, Ms. KAPTUR, and Ms. PELOSI, AS THE MANAGERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1252. An act to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 1981. A bill to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act.

The following bills were read twice and ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3565. An act to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

S. 1985. An act to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1873. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (Rept. No. 105-175).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1982. A bill to equalize the minimum adjustments to prices for fluid milk under milk marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 1983. A bill to amend section 991(a) of title 28, United States Code, to require certain members of the United States Sentencing Commission to be selected from among individuals who are victims of a crime of violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1984. A bill to prohibit the transfer of a handgun by a licensed dealer unless the transferee states that the transferee is not the subject of a restraining order with respect to an intimate partner of the transferee, a child of the transferee, or a child of an intimate partner of the transferee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1985. A bill to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968; read twice and placed on the calendar.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1986. A bill to restructure the regulation of the Federal Home Loan Bank System; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1987. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex

crimes against children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1988. A bill to provide for the release of interests of the United States in certain real property located in Augusta, Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 216. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Japan's difficult economic condition; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Con. Res. 91. A bill expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to commemorate the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1982. A bill to equalize the minimum adjustments to prices for fluid milk under milk marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

THE DAIRY REFORM ACT OF 1998

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that seeks to restore fairness to the nation's dairy system—fairness that has long been missing, particularly in the Upper Midwest and especially in my home state of Minnesota.

When Minnesotans are asked to name my state's leading industries, agriculture will certainly be at or near the top of most every list. Farming and farm-related business plays a critical role in Minnesota's economy. One out of every four Minnesota jobs is tied in some way to agriculture, and 25% of the state's economy is dependent upon farmers and agri-business, most of it focused in the dairy industry.

What many people do not realize is that, despite those statistics, our state's dairy industry is in real trouble.

Since dropping to number five in milk production—behind Wisconsin, California, Pennsylvania, and New York—Minnesota has been slowly but steadily losing its clout among the top dairy states in the nation. We have lost over 10,000 dairy farms in just the last decade, and today, dairy farms are drying up at a rate of about three every single day. Milk production has dropped significantly as a result—nearly 20% in the last decade.

What makes this especially troubling is that much of the decline in Minnesota's dairy industry can be traced